Input Devices

iMacs have four options in terms of input devices:

- Wireless Keyboard
- Magic Mouse
- Magic Trackpad
- Standard mouse

Each item has its own preferences that can be selected from the System Preferences section. These preferences can be accessed by clicking on this button on the Dock at the bottom of the iMac screen (see Chapter Two for more details about System Preferences and Chapter Four for more details about the Dock).

Keyboard options

To access options for the Wireless Keyboard:

1. Access the System Preferences and click on the Keyboard button

2. Click on the Keyboard tab to set the speed at which keystrokes are repeated and how long until the next one is active. There are also options for setting F key functionality and showing the keyboard settings in the Menu bar

3. Click on the Keyboard Shortcuts to set shortcut keys for accessing specific options and apps

Don’t forget

Although new iMacs come with either a Magic Mouse or a Magic Trackpad they can also be used with a standard mouse.
Mouse options
There are different options for the mouse depending on whether it is a standard one or the Magic Mouse. Both are accessed in the same way:

1. Access the System Preferences and click on the Mouse button

2. For a Magic Mouse, click on the Point & Click tab for options for how you select items by clicking in different ways with the Magic Mouse

3. Click on the More Gestures tab for options for moving between pages and accessing full-screen apps and the Mission Control function

4. For a standard USB mouse, there are options for how quickly the cursor tracks the mouse and also the speed for double-clicking

Don’t forget
For more information on Multi-Touch Gestures with the Magic Mouse and the Magic Trackpad, see Chapter Six.
Trackpad options
Options for the functioning of the Magic Trackpad can also be set within the System Preferences. To do this:

1. Access the System Preferences and click on the Trackpad button

2. Click on the Point & Click tab for options for how you select items by clicking, tapping and dragging in different ways with the Magic Trackpad

3. Click on the Scroll & Zoom tab for options for moving around Web pages and documents

4. Click on the More Gestures tab for options for accessing additional items using the Magic Trackpad

Don’t forget
The battery level for all of the wireless devices is shown in their respective System Preferences windows.